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1. THE SEPTEMBER 23 EDITION OF THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ETHIOPIAN HERALD PRINTED A TASS ARTICLE DATELINED PHNOM PENH. EXCERPTS FROM THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "KAMPUCHEAN NEWS AGENCY NULLIFIES US ALLEGATIONS," FOLLOW. THE ARTICLE APPEARED ON PAGE 6.

2. "THE KAMPUCHEAN NEWS AGENCY (UPK) DESCRIBES AS THE LIMIT OF HYPOCRISY THE SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG THAT VIETNAM IS USING SOVIET-MADE TOXIC CHEMICALS IN KAMPUCHEA AND LAOS....
"THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN INDOCHINA ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HUNDREDS OF TONS OF DEFOLIANTS AND TOXIC AGENTS, INCLUDING THE NOTORIOUS AGENT ORANGE, THAT WERE SPRAYED BY AMERICAN PLANES THERE.
"THUS THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO CAMOUFLAGE THE CRIMES OF U.S. IMPERIALISM BY SPREADING SLANDEROUS ANTI-VIETNAMESE AND ANTI-SOVIET INVENTIONS EXPRESSED BY ITS SECRETARY OF STATE. AT THE SAME TIME THE WHITE HOUSE HOPES TO JUSTIFY IN THE EYES OF THE

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WORLD PUBLIC ITS OWN BELLICOSE POLICY, ITS EVER GROWING MILITARY SPENDING, INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE EXPANSION OF THE PRODUCTION OF VARBAROUS MEANS OF MASS ANNIHILATION, INCLUDING CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
"...AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS THE MAIN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLES, (UPK) STRESSES."
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